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End Childhood Hunger Statewide Summit

"Build a Stronger Montana: End Childhood Hunger Statewide Summit" is sponsored by the Montana Partnership to End Childhood Hunger (MT-PECH)* and will take place September 23-24, 2013 at Montana State University in Bozeman.

What makes this Summit EXCEPTIONAL...

This Summit will:

- Highlight the experiences of hungry children in Montana
- Showcase Best Practices that are working to help hungry children in our state
- Demonstrate pathways to ending child hunger in the community
- Promote community groups to identify their own needs, and provide tools needed to help them develop plans for implementation at the local level
- Enhance networking between participants across social, cultural and economic borders
- Show the connection between children's health and their futures, as well as the impact of child hunger on the economic viability of our state

We invite you to be one of the participants in this groundbreaking event for the children of our state.

Currently, one in five Montana children struggles with hunger. Research shows the severe impact of child hunger on children's success in the classroom, overall health and well-being, stability of families, and future self-sufficiency.

More than 200 stakeholders from diverse public and private sectors will gather to learn about childhood hunger in Montana through preconference site visits, meaningful presentations, networking, and facilitated round table discussions. Governor Steve Bullock will provide the opening welcome message, followed by the keynote speaker, Lori Silverbush, Co-Director of the film, *A Place at the Table*. This will lead into a number of local and dynamic speakers, including the First Lady of Montana.

PLEASE JOIN US! YOU CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

September 23-24, 2013 in Bozeman, at Montana State University

Register online at <https://tofu.msu.montana.edu/cs/childhunger2013/>

**The Montana Partnership to End Childhood Hunger (MT-PECH) is a group of diverse representatives from public and private food programs, agriculture, faith groups, businesses, foundations, academic and medical representatives that work together towards ending child hunger in the state. This effort was started by over 50 statewide collaborators who gathered in September of 2010 to address the problem of childhood hunger in Montana. MT-PECH serves as a Steering Committee, developing multiple actions to make childhood hunger a top issue in the minds of Montana citizens and policy makers in order to assure that every child in Montana receives adequate amounts of nutritious food. The group developed a 10-Step Plan to End Childhood Hunger with specific actions that deal with public and private food assistance programs, and many other factors that can impact access to healthy food for children.*